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27 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Fire Crew for Watertown Strip

1. On 27 September we requested that the Air Force provide fire crew support for Watertown Strip. This was followed on 4 October by a memorandum from Colonel Berg requesting that we provide certain other information in order that the Air Force might fulfill our requirement. This was duly forwarded to Colonel Berg in our [redacted] dated 18 October 1955.

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2. Since the 18th of October, discussions with Colonel Berg by Project personnel have revolved around the apparent inability of the Air Force to locate a suitable source of such personnel. We have been repeatedly advised that such personnel would require months to clear even after they are identified. It is [redacted] understanding that as of this date, the Air Force does not intend to fulfill our requirement of 18 October although we have never been officially advised of this reaction. Steps are being undertaken to:

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a. Request Lockheed to extend the period of fire fighter protection they are providing to the base, and

b. Immediate effort will be made by the Project to procure civilian fire fighters from such other sources as may be determined to be available.

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